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C.I.A. OFFICIALS SWORN IN: In front row with President Johnson during ceremony at the White House are William F. Raborn, left, new director of Central Intelligence Agency, and Richard Helms, new deputy director. The director is retired vice admiral.

RABORN IS SWORN AS C.I.A. DIRECTOR

Helms Also Takes Oath in a
White House Ceremony

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The so-called invisible government became glaringly visible for a moment today as dozens of intelligence experts crowded into the White House Cabinet Room for the swearing-in of the new Director of Central Intelligence.

William F. Raborn, retired Navy vice admiral, took the oath as C.I.A. director, and Richard Helms was sworn in as deputy director while news-reel cameras ground away.

Admiral Raborn was prodded by President Johnson into making a two-sentence speech, which may well be his last in his present job.

"I would like to tell the President that Mr. Helms and I will do our best to live up to the confidence he is showing in us," said Mr. Raborn. "Thank you."

The Cabinet Room was completely jammed with guests, including many intelligence specialists whose names seldom, if ever, appear in print. Also on hand were two former directors of the C.I.A., Allen W. Dulles and John A. McCone, whom Admiral Raborn is replacing.

McCarthy Is Present

Smiling broadly in the midst of this cloak and dagger crowd was Senator Eugene J. McCarthy. The Minnesota Democrat has been one of the most vocal critics of the C.I.A. and its methods.

Mr. McCarthy's presence was understood to be a stroke by President Johnson. Senator McCarthy had recently been a guest at Mr. Johnson's LBJ Ranch when Admiral Raborn and Mr. Helms were there to accept their new jobs.

This delighted the President and evidently he was determined to keep them reasoning together.

Also on hand were several intelligence experts as J. Edgar

Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and James Rowley, head of the Secret Service, plus military and Cabinet figures.

There were a number of jokes, ranging from bad to not-so-bad, about the intelligence business.

Mr. Johnson was the owner of one. In his speech he praised Mr. Helms, who has been an employe of C.I.A. since it was born, as one of the most highly respected career men in Government. He had been a newspaperman.

"I find food for thought in the fact that a man so successful in Mr. Helms's present profession trained for this work in the newspaper profession, and Mr. Helms, if you need recruits, see me," Mr. Johnson said.

The President glanced archly at the press at this point, amid loud laughter. He added, "I might commend some of these in this room to you now."

Reason For The Agency

In his speech Mr. Johnson said "we would disgrace all the sacrifices Americans have made if we were not every hour of every day vigilant against every threat to peace and freedom. This is why we have the Central Intelligence Agency."

He said that the purpose of the C.I.A. "like the purpose of all that we do, is to strive for an orderly, just and peaceful world."

Mr. Johnson praised Admiral Raborn's "phenomenal ability" as a manager, as shown by his leadership of the program that developed the Navy's Polaris missile system.

Meanwhile, the White House announced that at a private

party there last night Mr. Johnson presented Mr. McCone with the National Security Medal for his work as C.I.A. director. He is the twelfth person to receive this award for outstanding contribution in the field of intelligence.